

PUBLIC NOTICE

**Record of Decision (ROD) for the 29Palms Training Land Acquisition/
Airspace Establishment Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)**

The U.S. Department of the Navy, on behalf of the Marine Corps and in cooperation with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), announced its decision to establish a large-scale Marine Air Ground Task Force training area, to include the expansion of the training range and establishment of associated airspace, at the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center ("Combat Center") in Twentynine Palms, Calif.

The Navy has decided to implement its Preferred Alternative, Alternative 6 with additional mitigation, which includes the acquisition through withdrawal and purchase of approximately 167,971 acres of land west and south of the existing Combat Center. Alternative 6 is the optimal alternative when considering both the operational factors and environmental impacts.

To accommodate required Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) training activities, the Navy, acting through the Combat Center, will:

- Acquire additional land adjacent to the Combat Center
- Pursue through the FAA the establishment and modification of military Special Use Airspace for the proposed MEB-sized training range
- Conduct the specified MEB training
- Enter into a written agreement with BLM to implement the management and control of the Shared Use Area

The Navy held three public scoping meetings from Dec. 3-5, 2008, and three public meetings on the Draft EIS from April 12-14, 2011. A total of 1,314 people attended the meetings, and more than 40,000 public comments were received. Public meetings were not required for the Final EIS.

The ROD includes the public comments received on the Final EIS and the Navy's responses. The Final EIS, released on July 27, 2012, includes the oral and written comments received on the Draft EIS and the Navy's responses to those comments.

The Final EIS and ROD are available on the project website
www.29palms.marines.mil/Staff/G4InstallationsandLogistics/LandAcquisition.aspx
and at the following public libraries:

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